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SUBJECT: CBS REPORT ON STRANDED SHIPS IN SUEZ CANAL

CBS TV REPORTED FEB 23 THAT EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ARE PREVENTING VESSELS STRANDED IN GREAT BITTER LAKE SINCE 1967 FROM DEPARTING CANAL WATERS. IMPLICATION IS THAT CANAL IS NOW SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR TO ALLOW DEPARTURE OF THESE VESSELS BUT THAT EGYPTIANS, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, ARE BLOCKING MOVEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON THIS MATTER SINCE WE ANTICIPATE CONTINUED PRESS INTEREST IN SUEZ CANAL STATUS AND WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND.

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